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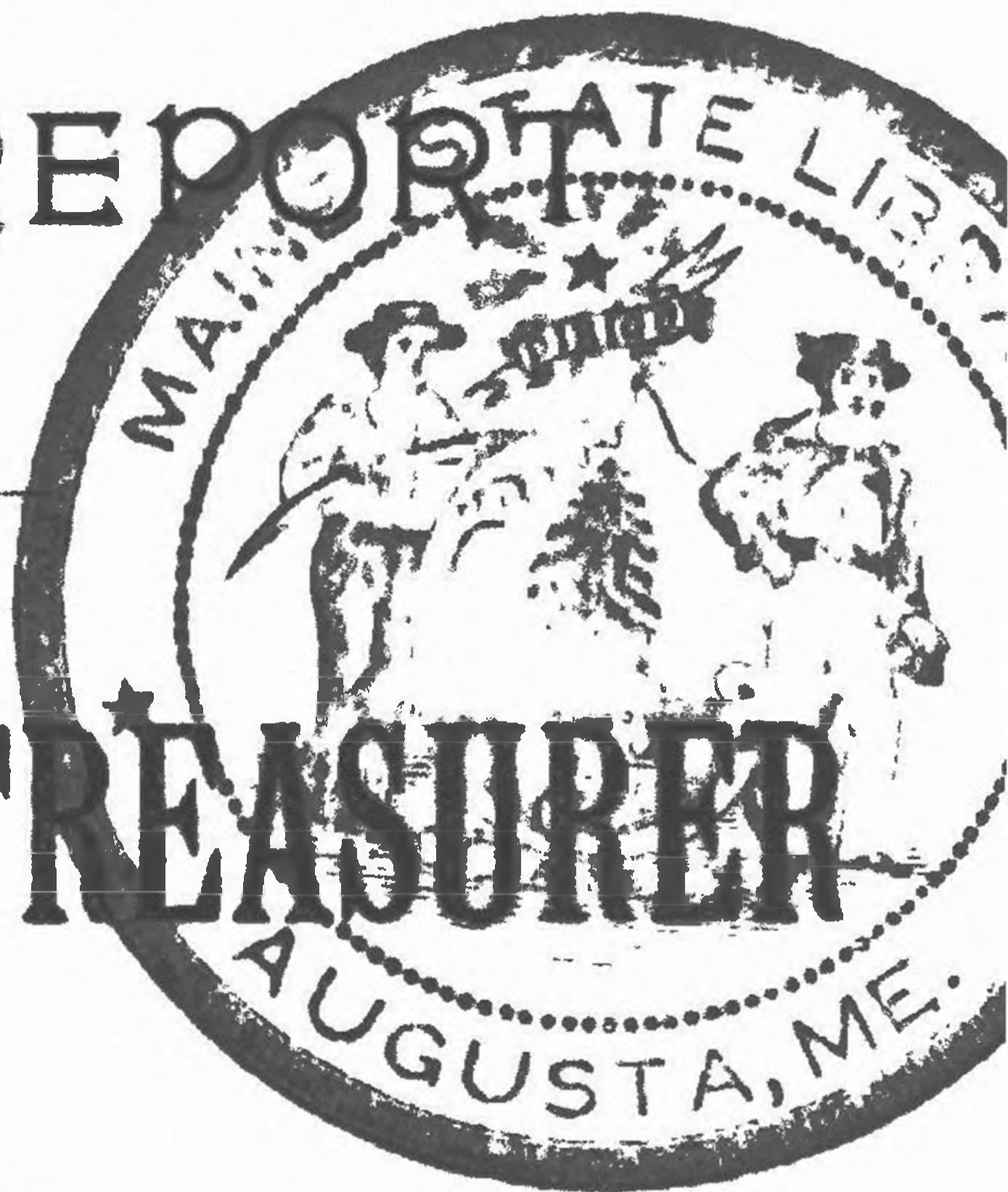
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ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
SELECTMEN, & TREASURER



—AND—
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
—OF THE TOWN OF—

SEARSMONT
—OF THE—

Municipal Year, Ending March 1st, 1898.

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REPORT.

Resources.

Due from S. S. Bean collector of 1897 less highway tax,	\$2191 96
on tax deeds and lists previous to 1894,	277 63
on tax deeds of 1895,	111 47
on tax deeds of 1896,	29 75
on Mrs. Robinson's note,	15 75
cash in hands of treasurer,	12 79
from Liberty,	5 00
from Appleton from 1896, for schooling scholars,	26 79
from Appleton for schooling scholars in 1897,	24 56
from Montville for schooling scholars in 1897,	88 27
from State on dog license (estimated),	40 00
Total,	\$ 2823 97

Liabilities.

Will be due J. Rivers March 25th for support Jason Richards, Josiah Ladd and Mary Luce,	\$ 56 25
A. B. Knight March 25th for support of F. Metcalf family,	38 00
Mrs. Sewall Thomas for support of J. G. Mahoney to March 25th (est.),	19 00
Ezra Reeves March 25th for support of Abbie Conant,	6 25
Due on County tax of 1897,	411 22
Will be due Maine Insane Hospital March 31st (est.),	80 00
State Reform School April 1st,	13 00
Collector's Commission for 1897, (est.),	90 00
Total,	\$ 713 72
Resources more than liabilities,	2110 25

Support of The Poor.

Town raised for support of the poor,	800 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid J. S. Burgess, support of Abbie Conant,	7 72
J. Rivers, support of Lillian Dyer,	14 00
Mrs. Sewall Thomas, support of J.	
Mahoney,	76 60
Morrion Young, support of Fred Metcalf	
and family,	39 00
Geo. Lassell, support of Jason Richards,	16 25
Maine Industrial School, support of Eva	
Pierce,	13 00
Maine Insane Asylum, support of W.	
Whitaker and W. E. Caswell,	195 06
Reform School, support of F. E. Metcalf,	52 00
L. C. Poor, for moving Josiah Ladd,	3 50
C. S. Adams, self and team after paupers,	6 00
J. P. Wellman, looking after paupers out of	
town,	6 50
Mrs. Ann Hisler, support of Josiah Ladd,	40 00
Nellie M. Overlock, for support of Mary	
Luce,	22 75
Roxanna Fitzgerald, support of Lillian Dyer,	12 00
A. B. Knight, support of F. Metcalf and	
family,	113 92
J. Rivers, support of J. Richards, J. Ladd	
and Mary Luce,	168 75
J. Rivers, supplies to paupers,	17 25
Ezra Reeves, support of Abbie Conant,	19 37
S. C. Pierpont, medical attendance on	
Lillian Dyer,	25 00
Town of Morrill, on account of W. E.	
Caswell,	56 74
V. A. Simmons, supplies G. Childs,	18 00
A. Millett, medical attendance to paupers,	13 15

D. B. Cobb & Son, supplies furnished G. Childs,	29 25	
D. B. Cobb & Son supplies furnished paupers,	9 20	
D. B. Cobb & Son supplies furnished Frank Cunningham,	5 00	
	<hr/>	980 01
Overdrawn,		\$180 01

Town Charges.

Town raised,	300 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid C. S. Adams, election clerk,	4 00	
L. S. Marriner, election clerk,	2 00	
J. F. Paine, election clerk,	6 00	
S. S. Bean, constable 1897,	6 00	
S. S. Bean, truant officer,	2 00	
C. S. Adams, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	47 25	
J. P. Wellman, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	83 75	
L. C. Poor, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	66 00	
A. L. Maddocks, town clerk,	14 90	
A. L. Maddocks, as superintendent of schools,	88 00	
	<hr/>	\$319 90
Overdrawn,	\$19 90	
Town raised for contingent expenses,		\$ 200 00

EXPENDED.

Paid B. Wentworth for sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Wm. Dunton for damage on highway,	5 00
S. S. Bean for rent of office,	35 00
Belfast Age Publishing Co. printing town reports,	13 00

M. P. Woodcock & Son for blank books,	7	87	
O. B. Fuller, housing road machine,	1	50	
S. S. Bean, looking after unlicensed dogs,	2	00	
Rodney Thomas going to Camden after J. G. Mahoney's trunk,	1	00	
A. L. Maddocks for sheep killed by dogs,	3	00	
L. C. Poor to Morrill on account of W. E. Caswell,	2	25	
G. L. Hemenway, wood for office,	1	75	
V. A. Simmons for supplies to board of health,		30	
J. P. Wellman, trip to Appleton and Belfast,	3	00	
P. A. Crooker, certificate of births and deaths,	6	00	
Belfast Age Publishing Co. for 500 bill heads,	1	50	
J. W. Farrar, as election clerk in 1897,	2	00	
J. W. Farrar discount on tax of 1895,	18	20	
A. Millet, M. D., fumigating L. Hanscom's house and material for same,	3	00	
A. Millett, for certificates of births and deaths,	5	00	
L. L. Cross getting town reports printed,	2	00	
J. P. Wellman, two trips to Belfast,	5	00	
L. C. Poor, postage and express,	1	58	
Otis D. Wilson trip to Morrill to settle bill of W. E. Caswell.	1	00	
O. D. Wilson, postage and stationery,	1	20	
			125 15
Unexpended,			\$74 85

School House Repairs.

Town raised for school house repairs, \$ 105 00

EXPENDED.

Paid O. B. Fuller,	\$ 1 50
C. S. Adams,	2 00
L. S. Marriner,	10 15

Warren Brothers,	4 75	
G. H. Talbot, insurance,	21 25	
W. F. Bryant, repairs,	1 00	
Leroy Marriner, repairs,	49 38	
A. Robbins, repairs,	3 25	
Curtis & Spear, table,	1 50	
John Lane, repairs,	1 20	
A. Lothrop, repairs,	2 75	
D. B. Cobb & Son, supplies,	12 28	
C. S. Adams, repairs,	1 00	
A. L. Maddocks,	2 28	
	<hr/>	114 29
Unexpended,		\$ 35 71

Bridges.

Unexpended, from 1896, \$ 499 88

EXPENDED.

Paid B. F. Fuller, lumber,	61 12	
S. R. Hook, labor,	1 66	
L. C. Poor, labor,	9 27	
G. F. Randall for plank,	18 01	
C. A. Boynton, labor,	6 22	
E. S. Cushman, chain,	1 25	
O. E. Robbins, labor and nails,	3 40	
J. P. Wellman, labor,	1 50	
F. M. Simmons, log for bridge,	1 00	
L. L. Cross, railing, plank and labor,	4 25	
B. F. Fuller, labor on bridge,	2 50	
B. F. Fuller lumber for bridges,	25 10	
L. C. Poor, hauling plank and labor on Hook bridge,	75	
	<hr/>	136 03
Unexpended,		363 85

Highways.

Town raised to be expended by selectmen,	\$250 00
Unexpended highway tax returned by surveyors unworked in 1896,	201 43
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Total,	\$451 43

EXPENDED.

Paid J. Longfellow overwork in 1896,	3 00
Fred Lucas overwork in 1896,	13 37
Oscar Googins for overwork in 1896,	2 26
J. E. Dolliff overwork in 1896,	5 30
J. C. Gordon, overwork in 1896,	2 35
S. W. Paul, " "	1 68
Peter Ames, " "	1 17
Otis Wellman, " "	11 24
Wm. H. Wood, " "	12 47
C. E. Gilman, " "	13 80
G. E. Ring, " "	2 37
O. W. Berry, " "	15 10
L. S. Marriner, " "	6 72
J. F. Hall, " "	9 39
O. E. Robbins, labor on highway,	15 90
Fred J. Robbins, overwork in 1896,	16 96
A. F. Brown, " "	3 88
S. C. Andrews, " "	4 06
C. F. Cushman, " "	2 13
A. F. Lawrey, " "	7 62
J. Keen, " "	1 95
M. S. Brewster, " "	2 65
Geo. E. Heal, " "	2 68
O. A. Shibles, " "	6 58
C. F. Cushman, labor on road,	3 00
C. Banks, overwork in 1896,	1 77
Wm. R. Cooper, " "	14 95
L. C. Poor, " "	7 32
A. B. Meservey, " "	7 91

J. S. Burgess, " "	5 52	
Wm. F. Bryant, " "	7 40	
Wm. Burgess, " "	5 72	
G. E. Donnell, " "	1 28	
F. C. Proctor, " "	2 10	
Leroy Marriner, " "	5 38	
T. W. Nickerson " "	16 83	
O. A. Wellman, handling road machine,	23 02	
E. D. Butler, overwork in 1896,	11 02	
A. H. Wentworth, " "	3 01	
Tyler & Conant, repairs on road machine,	10 00	
L. T. Ness, damage by ditch,	6 00	
Otis E. Robbins, overwork in 1896,	3 95	
C. A. Boynton, labor on ditch, etc,	20 50	
F. A. Dunton, " "	11 25	
H. A. Thorndike, labor on highway,	8 75	
C. S. Adams, " "	2 00	
J. Furbush, " "	11 74	
W. C. Thompson, " "	12 12	
F. C. Procter, overwork in 1896,	2 40	
S. R. Hook, " "	2 54	
Levi Greer, labor on highway,	3 30	
J. A. Harrington, " "	1 75	
E. S. Wing, labor and material,	2 75	
D. B. Cobb & Son, nails etc.,	1 21	
G. W. Richards, damage to horse on defective culvert,	12 00	
I. S. Bartlett, labor on highway,	1 75	
	<hr/>	394 87
Unexpended,		\$ 56 56

Common Schools.

Unexpended from 1896,	\$ 302 39
Voted and raised March, 1897,	915 20
School fund and mill tax,	775 54
Due from Montville,	88 27
Due from Appleton, 1887,	24 56
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	\$2105 96

EXPENDED.

Paid A. Robbins, boarding teacher,	\$ 18 20
F. E. Gilman. “ “	14 00
Abby Fuller, teaching,	40 00
Inez Peavey, “	40 00
Flora Dunton, janitor services,	2 00
Cordelia Wentworth “	2 50
L. E. Ross, teaching,	40 00
Hattie Burgess, janitor services,	1 25
H. Mahoney, boarding teacher,	12 00
Lula Payson, teaching,	32 00
L. E. Ross, “	42 00
J. E. Ford, “	40 00
G. R. Cooper, fuel,	9 00
A. Robbins, janitor,	2 50
W. Burgess, “	2 00
Marcia Lothrop, board,	10 00
Mrs. O. A. Welman, janitor,	2 00
C. F. Cushman, fuel,	6 00
E. S. Adams, janitor,	3 75
G. F. Campbell, fuel,	16 62
A. B. Knight, fuel,	6 15
A. H. Mahoney, fuel,	5 50
E. D. Butler, janitor,	1 00
B. B. Toothaker, board,	16 00
Lizzie Maddocks, board,	13 50
Sibyl Marriner, teaching.	32 00
A. M. Ripley, teaching,	28 00
D. A. Luce, teaching and board,	40 00
Sadie Fuller, teaching,	28 00
B. F. Knowles, fuel,	6 50
L. M. Thompson, teaching and board,	40 00
Carrie E. Mitchell, teaching,	28 00
J. F. Esency, board,	12 00
Town of Belmont, schooling scholars,	23 37
A. Marriner, janitor,	2 00

Field & West, insurance,	12 50
L. B. Hall, teaching,	24 00
W. F. Bryant, board,	12 50
M. Rollerson, fuel,	5 25
S. R. Hook, board,	16 00
L. Maddocks, teaching.	14 00
A. W. Knight, teaching and board,	52 00
J. Knight, teaching,	40 00
S. R. Bennett, janitor,	1 00
W. L. Heal, conveying scholars,	16 00
B. B. Toothaker, board,	20 00
Annie Stevens, teaching,	32 00
C. E. Mitchell, teaching,	36 00
L. E. Hilt, teaching,	48 00
E. J. Bills, teaching,	40 00
A. M. Ripley, teaching,	52 00
I. M. Towle, teaching,	48 00
L. B. Hall, teaching,	28 00
A. Lothrop, board,	16 00
F. A. Dunton, board,	14 00
J. E. Ford, teaching,	60 00
L. Maddocks, janitor,	2 50
G. F. Randall, board,	14 00
Gena Clapp, teaching and board,	60 00
A. M. Ripley, teaching and board,	65 00
Annie Stevens, teaching,	56 60
J. Knight, teaching,	60 00
I. M. Towle, teaching,	46 50
A. W. Knight, teaching,	81 00
Grace Simmons, teaching,	90 00
D. A. Luce, teaching,	50 00
Hattie E. Bean, teaching,	55 00
H. Howes, board,	17 50
G. G. Hook, janitor,	2 50
W. F. Burgess, janitor,	3 00
F. A. Dunton, board,	20 00
Mrs. L. Marriner, board,	13 50

A. Lothrop, board,	13 50	
A. Lothrop, janitor,	1 50	
J. L. Bean, fuel,	5 45	
Albert Robbins, board and janitor's services,	19 50	
J. F. Hall, board of teacher,	14 00	
Alice M. Poor, teaching,	50 00	
A. L. Maddocks, fuel,	1 00	
S. R. Hook, board,	22 50	
B. F. Fuller, fuel,	3 50	
Sadie Fuller, teaching,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,023 14
Unexpended,		82 82

Collector and Treasurer's Commission.

Unexpended from 1896, \$ 100 00

EXPENDED.

Paid J. W. Farrar, on tax of 1894,	\$ 153 62	
S. S. Bean, on tax of 1896,	96 30	
O. D. Wilson, treasurer for 1897,	25 00	
J. W. Farrar, Coll. 1895,	123 71	
	<hr/>	\$ 398 63
Overdrawn,		298 63

Abatements Allowed.

To J. W. Farrar, tax of 1894,	\$ 74 71	
“ “ 1895,	67 43	
S. S. Bean tax of 1896,	44 61	
	<hr/>	\$ 186 75

J. P. WELLMAN, } Selectmen
L. C. POOR, } of
C. S. ADAMS, } Searsmont.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Resources received from Treas. of 1886,	\$ 5,135 83
Received from Montville for schooling scholars,	\$ 83 13
from Boston School Supply Co. overcharge returned,	2 80
from State Treasurer, balance on dog license fund,	64 51
from Town Clerk on acct. of dogs licensed,	51 00
from State Treasurer for sheep killed,	8 00
School fund and mill tax for 1897,	775 54
for interest collected on tax of 1895,	50 39
for sale of schoolhouse (District No. 8),	10 00
Tax of 1897, committed to S. S. Bean, collector,	5,672 57
	<hr/> \$ 6,717 94
Total,	<hr/> \$11,853 87

AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Paid on selectmen's orders,	\$ 6,421 10
State tax for 1897,	936 78
balance of County tax for 1896,	355 64
County tax for '97, (part payment),	200 00
State Treasurer amount of dog licenses for 1897,	51 00
	<hr/> \$ 7,964 52

RESOURCES RETURNED, ON SETTLEMENT.

Due on tax of 1897, S. S. Bean, collector, \$ 3,441 96	
Tax deeds and list, previous to 1894,	277 63
“ “ of 1895,	111 47
“ “ of 1896,	29 75
Due on Mrs. Robinson's note,	15 75
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	12 79
	<hr/> \$3,889 35
	<hr/> \$11,853 87

OTIS D. WILSON, Treasurer.

Searsmont, February 24th, 1898.

Superintendent's Report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

The school committee of Searsmont met March 6, 1897, and elected J. P. Wellman chairman and A. L. Maddocks superintendent of schools.

Your superintendent has endeavored to employ capable and qualified teachers. One or two mistakes have been made but the schools in general have been very satisfactory.

List of Teachers.

School.	Wages per week excluding board.
Village, spring term, Jennie E. Ford,	\$5 00
“ fall term, Jennie E. Ford,	7 50
“ winter term, Grace B. Simmons,	7 00
“ winter term, Harriet E. Bean,	4 00
N. Searsmont, spring term, Lulu Thompson,	3 00
“ “ fall term, Annie Stevens,	4 00
“ “ winter term, Alice M. Poor,	5 00
E. Searsmont, spring term, Lula E. Payson,	4 00
“ “ fall term, Isabelle M. Towle,	4 50
“ “ winter term, Isabelle M. Towle,	5 00
Mountain, spring term, Sadie L. Fuller,	3 50
Mountain, fall term, Alice W. Knight,	5 00
Mountain, winter term, Alice W. Knight,	6 00
Ghent, spring term, Dana A. Luce,	3 50
“ fall term, Lizzie Hilt,	4 50
“ winter term, Dana A. Luce,	5 00
Ridge, spring term, Carrie Mitchell,	3 50
“ fall term, Carrie Mitchell,	4 50

“ winter term, Sadie L. Fuller,	5 00
Magog, spring term, Lona E. Ross.	3 50
“ fall term, Alice M. Ripley,	5 00
“ winter term, Alice M. Ripley,	5 00
Severance, spring term, Alice M, Ripley,	3 50
“ fall term, Josephine Knight,	5 00
“ winter term, Josephine Knight,	6 00
Union school (S. Montville,) spring term, Sibyl Marriner,	4 00
“ “ fall term, Emma Bills,	5 00
“ “ winter term, Annie Stevens,	5 50
School No. 11, spring term Lilla B, Hall,	3 00
School No. 11, fall term, Lilla B. Hall,	3 50
School No. 11, winter term, Gena Clapp,	4 00

The work of the superintendent will be more efficient with experience, whereby he is enabled to learn the needs of the school and the adaptation of teachers to those needs.

For the fall term at Ghent it was impossible for me to secure the teacher I wanted and the teacher employed made a failure. I will not give my opinion of the causes.

Truancy.

Some talk has been made in regard to the number of scholars out of school, especially during the fall term.

The school committee at their first meeting, voted that the truant officer be directed by the whole committee.

I looked after two cases when I thought it the duty of the truant officer to do so. I believe every scholar should go to school every day when practicable, but when we consider that we can not send a child to school under eight years of age or over fifteen and that the law requires him to attend only sixteen weeks, I think you would find only a very few we could send to school. There are times when absence is necessary but parents should remember that a child absent from school one half the time or one third the time can not make progress and they should not blame the teacher when they themselves are to blame.

Repairs.

At East Searsmont a new fence has been built around the yard and extensive repairs made underneath and on the outside of the building. Their school room needs a table and chair in place of the old desk and with new seats they would have a very comfortable house.

At No. 13 (Severance) new blackboards, whitewashing and papering made a great improvement in the schoolroom. The teacher should have credit for the work she did. A still further improvement should be made.

The school committee examined the houses at Ghent and Magog and the majority considered them hardly worth repairing anything further than to get along until the town feels able to build new houses.

In Conclusion.

We have some first class teachers and I think the people appreciate their services. In the village school I find a good many classes and would recommend that an assistant teacher be employed in the fall term. The people should take a deep interest in our schools. The time of the formation of character is in youth and is determined to a great extent in the school room.

New school buildings are very much needed in some parts of the town. If two new school houses could be built where they would best accommodate the people of Ghent, Magog and No. 11, making two schools of three, it would be a great improvement. The school money for the past two years has been considerable less than formerly which has been quite a disadvantage to me. It has been my endeavor to expend the school money to the very best advantage but mistakes will sometimes occur. I have tried to do the best I could, and to those who have rendered me assistance in my work especially the School Committee, I tender my sincere thanks. Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MADDOCKS, Superintendent.